

Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches of Martin County, Minnesota



Pastor John Henry

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022



Regarding Membership and the Holy Communion

We believe that, in the Holy Communion, the bread is truly Christ's Body and the wine is truly His Blood, given to us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this gift individually, we profess that we are truly one body in Christ—that we are united in one faith and teaching (doctrine). Ordinarily, full participation in this Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. ***Any visitors or guests who desire to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ are asked to please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service.***

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called

the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 6

¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.

²**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**

³My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD— how long?

⁴**Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

⁵For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?

⁶**I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.**

⁷My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.

⁸**Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**

⁹The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰**All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

Second Lesson

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 43:1

¹Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man
deliver me!

Holy Gospel

John 8:42–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my

Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	430
Sermon		

Apostles' Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

Offering

Offertory for Lent *LSB pg. 422*

C *On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, never may Your work
erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!*

The Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB pg. 195*

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Consecration

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB pg. 198

C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymns

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted **451**

What Is the World to Me **730**

O Lord, We Praise Thee **617**

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB pg. 632

C *O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.*

*Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!*

Thanksgiving & Benediction

P Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.


P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give ✠ you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* **585**

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IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers

St James
Baptism Birthdays: Lonny Becker, Dereck Graplar, Ryan Graplar,
 Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Jodi Graplar, Glen Klug, Chris Hillmer,
 Paul Kosbab
Serving our Country: Adam Quade
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Chris Enevold
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion
Baptism Birthdays: Eli Wallace, Zoie Becker, Katelyn Marlatt,
 Kane Sharp, Edwin Eytcheson
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
 Jesse Peterson
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens
Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann,
 Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

Bulletins at SJL and broadcasts for the month of April are being sponsored by Gary & Sandra Luhmann in honor of Autism Awareness.

Bulletins at Zion and broadcast for this week are sponsored by Curt & Molly Bargfrede in honor of their 6th wedding anniversary on the 8th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

You can sponsor the bulletins (\$10 per congregation) or **online broadcast** (\$25) anytime throughout the year, in honor of a special event or giving thanks to God. Call the church office to reserve the week of your choice.



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETINGS

Zion: Wednesday April 13th 7:30PM

SJL: Wednesday April 20th 7:30PM

Become a Church Voter. All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder if you have questions.

NEEDED: Sunday School Superintendent at SJL. Please contact Paul Tomlinson (236-2143).



Please join us for a Pampered Chef shower honoring **Rebecca Callison bride-to-be of Luke Becker**. Saturday April 9th from 10am-noon in the fellowship hall. Rebecca will have a wishlist that you can purchase items to stock their kitchen. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride-to-be!

Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel. We have reached \$40,000 towards our goal of \$45,000.

Vintage Zion Sunday School Records are available for the taking. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Records date up to the 80's. Help yourself!

St John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder invites you to their Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper on Sunday, April 3rd, serving from 4-7pm. Menu will include pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. Free-will donations. (Please use Sherman Street entrance)

Kinship Radio presents our 13th Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, April 9th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's Special Guest is Sharon Hodde Miller, author of Nice: Why We Love To Be Liked And How God Calls Us To Be More, blogger, mother and wife. We are also welcoming back local favorite, Tina Haroldson as our special speaker! There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions. Space is limited so call 507-526-3233 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register.

EASTER FLOWERS



Dee's Floral & Designs are accepting orders for Easter flowers. Prices include delivery to St. James Lutheran or Zion. Plants available this year are Tulips (\$16); Lilies, Cyclamen or Kalanchoe (\$18); or Hydrangea (\$40). **Deadline to order is Monday April 4th.** Call directly to Dee's to place your order...235-9856.

A **special page** will be reserved in the bulletin for anyone who would like to have a plant given in memory of a loved one or a special event you'd like to recognize! **Bulletin deadline is no later than, Monday, April 11th;** call the church office (436-5289) or email your information to sjl_office@frontiernet.net.

LYF

LYF Higher Things Egg Fundraiser: Chickens are on "Spring-Break", but hopefully will return to normal soon. Call or text Lynn Becker if you need eggs. Thank you for your generous support to help the youth get to Montana in July. Please return empty cartons if possible. If anyone else has a surplus of eggs and would like to contribute to the fundraiser contact Lynn Becker @ 230-2700.

MARTIN LUTHER

2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High School. Students can learn in a place where Christ is the focus and excellence is the standard. MLHS offers a complete high school education in a safe, family-like environment where every student is valued. Interested students and parents are invited to come see what a difference Jesus in the classroom--everyday makes in the lives of teens. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

Get your tickets to the OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction that will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 9th! Hundreds of interesting items, gift baskets, crafts, and gift certificates will be on the sale. Auction preview begins at 4:30 p.m. A dinner of bacon-wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the Live Auction to follow. Please join in the fun to support your Lutheran high school! For more information call 507-436-5249 or go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

Do you have time to spare? Looking for something interesting to do? **Consider becoming a volunteer with CREST.** The need is urgent! It's an awesome opportunity to meet seniors and caregivers, plus brighten their lives and make new friends. Your time will make a difference in their lives and enhance yours as well. CREST assignments are flexible and based upon the volunteers' schedule, so if you are called and can't take an assignment that's okay and we will call other volunteers. Contact CREST at 235-3833 or email us at crest@crestvolunteers.org to-day!

LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Rally will be Tuesday, April 19th at St Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Registration begins at 5pm including a light supper with the rally beginning at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Tracy Muhlenbeck from the Five Sisters Project in Wells, MN. The Five Sisters Project serves women in crisis by providing confidential comfort, spiritual coaching, life skills training, and resources. Gifts from the Heart Project items include paper towels, hand soap, postage, toilet paper, and office products (ie copy paper, file folders, office light bulbs.

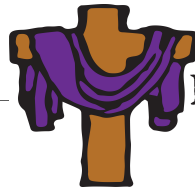


Examination: Sunday April 24th, 6pm at SJL
Confirmation: Sunday May 1st, 8:30am at SJL, 10am at Zion

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for
Public Examination and Confirmation.

Zion
Braden Roiger
Kane Sharp

SJL
Mason Engel
Camrin King
Brayden Luhmann
Jackson Luhmann
Tylin Luhmann



Holy Week Worship Schedule

APRIL 03	Divine Service	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
06	LENT VI Vespers	7:00PM (Z)
10	PALM SUNDAY Divine Service	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK		
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	1:00PM (SJ)
	Passion of Christ Devotions	1:30PM (SJ)
	(Mon-Matthew, Tues-Mark, Wed-Luke)	
14	MAUNDY THURSDAY Div Service	7:00PM (Z)
15	GOOD FRIDAY Vespers	7:00PM (SJ)
17	EASTER Divine Service	6:30A (Z): 8:30A (SJ)



LENT VI: April 6th @ Zion Lutheran Eve Circle

will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**

Turkey Sandwiches, Salads,

Desert and Beverages

Free-will donations for Mortenson Family Trust Fund

7:00pm Divine Service



**5th
Sunday
in Lent**

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 4-3	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Jackson Luhmann
4-10	Levi Becker & Luke Becker	Cedar Bohlsen
Zion 4-3	Tyler & Mikaela Morris	James Steuber
4-6	Brent & Jennie Oberdieck 7pm	
4-10	Evan & Ashlee Oberdieck	Kayden Glidden

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 3 - 10, 2022		
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM		
Office phone: 436-5289 Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net Website: sjlnorthrop.com		
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Monday	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 8-8:30 AM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	LENT VI	
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Lenten Supper	(Z) 6-6:45 PM
	Lenten Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
	Joint Elder's Meeting	(Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45 AM
Saturday	Becker/Callison Bridal Shower	(SJ) 10 AM-Noon
	Oh What a Knight Dinner Auction	(ML) 4:30 PM
Sunday	PALM SUNDAY	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM



Lent IV-March 23, 2022	Camp Omega	
Jt Attendance 56 (HC 46)	SJL	\$150.25
	Zion	\$535.00



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 27, 2022
Attendance	88 (HC 62)	Home	\$2,277.70
Loose	\$144.30	Missions	\$740.00
Kitchen	\$2,200.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 27, 2022
Attendance	84 (HC 73)	Home	\$6,200.00
Online	\$435.56	Missions	\$185.00
Tuition	\$6,807.50	Loose Plate	\$72.00
SJL School Misc	\$1,366.57	Transportation	\$198.11
Bulletins	\$40.00	MLHS	\$50.00